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Bio-Pharmaceuticals Sector
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the bio-pharmaceuticals drugs can make healthcare more affordable;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of efforts made by the Government to develop and promote the said sector?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES
(Y.S. CHOWDARY)
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(a) to (b) Biopharmaceutical drugs are important therapeutic options as they provide an alternative to small molecule drugs for novel treatments of previously untreatable diseases. These drugs provide affordable options for addressing the healthcare needs of humankind.

(c) The Department of Biotechnology (DBT) is supporting cutting edge research for development of new Biopharmaceutical drugs in different universities, research institutes and laboratories across the country. Through Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC) a Public Sector of DBT, industry innovation research is also being supported. A number of Start-ups, SMEs and Biotech companies are developing new drugs. A facility for manufacture of monoclonal antibodies has also been supported.

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